

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DEPRATU**, on February 5, 2003 at 9:02 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob DePratu, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr., Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. John C. Bohlinger (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary

Please Note.

Video-taped Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 207, 1/30/2003; SB271, 1/27/2003
Executive Action: HB 207, SJ 6

HEARING ON HB 207

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:02 **REP. JESSE LASLOVICH, HD 57, Anaconda** "Revise property tax assessment and certification dates" **EXHIBIT (tas25a01)**

Proponents' Testimony:

9:06 Dolores Cooney, Department of Revenue

9:12 Alec Hansen, MT League of Cities & Towns

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

9:14 **REP. LASLOVICH** closed on HB 207.

HEARING ON SB 271

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:15 **SEN. COREY STAPLETON, SD 10, Billings** "Eliminate POINTS system -- UI tax not under replacement system".

Proponents' Testimony:

9:28 **SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, SD 36, Trout Creek**

9:29 Brian Wolf, Dept of Administration

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witnesses:

9:35 Kurt Alme, Director, Department of Revenue

9:43 Wendy Keating, Commissioner, Dept of Labor & Ind.

9:50 Jane Egan, Exec. Dir., MT Society of CPA's

9:51 Barbara Pulley, CPA, Missoula

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

9:55 Begin

10:47 Ended

52 min Time elapsed

Closing by Sponsor:

10:47 **SEN. STAPLETON** closed on SB 271. **EXHIBIT (tas25a02)**
EXHIBIT (tas25a03)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 207

10:49 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. DAN HARRINGTON moved that HB 207 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 11-0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 6

10:50 **Motion:** SEN. MIKE TAYLOR moved that SJ 6 DO PASS. He also moved the amendments SJ000601.alm **EXHIBIT(tas25a04)**.

Discussion:

10:57 Lee Heiman explained the amendments.

Vote: Motion carried 11-0 on the amendment.

10:59 **Motion:** SEN. TAYLOR moved that SJ 6 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

11)) **Substitute Motion:** SEN. ELLIOTT made a substitute motion that SJ 6 BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

Discussion:

11:01 Begin

11:04 Ended

3 min Time elapsed

Substitute Motion/Vote: SEN. ELLIOTT'S substitute motion that SJ 6 BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED carried 11-0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 176

11:05 **Motion:** SEN. KEN TOOLE moved that SB 176 DO PASS.

Motion: SEN. TAYLOR moved amendments on SB 176 SB 017601.alh **EXHIBIT(tas25a05)** **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 with HARRINGTON and STORY voting no.

11:11 **Motion:** SEN. BILL GLASER moved a conceptual amendment to SB 176. **EXHIBIT(tas25a06)**

Discussion:

11:11 Begin

11:15 Ended

4 min Time elapsed

Vote: Motion on amendment carried 10-1 with TOOLE voting no.

11:15 **Motion:** SEN. TOOLE moved that SB 176 DO PASS AS
 AMENDED.

Discussion:

11:15.5 Begin
11:23 Ended
8 min Time elapsed

11:24 **Vote:** Motion that SB 176 DO PASS AS AMENDED carried 7-
 4 with DEPRATU, GLASER, STORY, and TAYLOR voting no.

Lee Heiman combined amendments SB017601.alh and SB 017602.alh
EXHIBIT (tas25a07). The committee opted to hold SB 176 for
further consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:25 A.M.

SEN. BOB DEPRATU, Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tas25aad)